

wellesleyweek



madeleine albright is the 2007 commencement speaker

Former Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright will address the members of the Class of 2007 at Wellesley College's 129th Commencement exercises on Friday, June 1.

In keeping with Wellesley tradition, the announcement of the speaker was made at the Senior Soirée March 8. In a joint statement, the Class Council noted, "We are very excited to have such a great Wellesley alumna give our Commencement address."

A 1959 graduate of Wellesley, Albright was the first female U.S. secretary of state, a position she held from 1997 until 2001. Before her appointment, she served as the U.S. permanent representative to the United Nations and as a member of President Clinton's Cabinet and National Security Council. Before joining the Clinton Administration, Albright was president of the Center for National Policy, a nonprofit research organization that promotes the study and discussion of domestic and international issues.

Albright most recently spoke at Wellesley in 2001 when she and Senator Hillary R. Clinton '69 delivered the joint keynote address during the College's 125th anniversary celebration. Audio and a transcript from that event can be found at www.wellesley.edu/Anniversary/.

In her address, Albright encouraged Wellesley students to forge a new frontier.



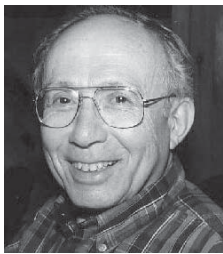
"Wellesley was founded in 1875 when America was still exploring its earliest frontiers," Albright said. "I graduated in 1959 when we were about to embark on President Kennedy's New Frontier. You are the students today who will lead our nation to the next frontier...I do hope that each of you will use the knowledge that you gained here at Wellesley to be more than a consumer of liberty but also a defender and enricher of it, employing your talents to heal and help and teach."

Albright delivered the commencement address in 1995 and was honored with the Alumnae Achievement Award in 1992. At Wellesley, she majored in political science and served as a reporter and editor at *The Wellesley News*. She later studied at the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University. She received a certificate from the Russian Institute at Columbia University and her master's and doctorate from Columbia University's Department of Public Law and Government.

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childhood refugee tells of his 'nightmare fairy tale'

As a 10-year-old boy, Gerd Korman left his home in Hamburg, Germany, only to spend nearly a decade as a stateless refugee in Poland, England and finally the



United States. On Wednesday, March 14, at 4:15 pm in Pendleton Atrium, Korman will discuss his teenage experience on several "home fronts," as recounted in his memoir, *Nightmare's Fairy Tale: A Young Refugee's Home Fronts, 1938-1948* (2005).

Korman was displaced by Kindertransport, a rescue effort beginning in 1938 that transported about 10,000 children out of Nazi-occupied Austria, Germany and Czechoslovakia to live with foster families in Great Britain. Though most of the children never saw their parents again, some eventually settled

in Canada and the United States. After the war, Korman immigrated to New York City and reunited with his parents.

"Gerd Korman is emeritus professor of history from Cornell," noted Susan Reverby, women's studies. "He is a noted labor and immigration historian. On a small note, he was my undergraduate advisor, the reason I'm an historian, and we have been in touch for more than four decades."

Gerd Korman taught American history at Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations, specializing in the history of labor and immigration. He is the author of several books, including *Industrialization, Immigrants and Americanizers: The View From Milwaukee, 1866-1921* (1967) and the Holocaust anthology *Hunter and Hunted* (1973). For more information, call x2535.

peer pressures

What's it like to be an Asian-American teenager? A seminar on Thursday, March 15, from 12:30-1:30 pm in the Wellesley Centers for Women's Cheever House will address that question.

The talk, "Growing Up Asian-American: Teens and Peer Discrimination," will be presented by Jennifer Grossman, National Institutes of Child and Human Development postdoctoral research fellow with the Wellesley Centers for Women. Grossman will discuss the relationships between discrimination, mental health and social competence for Asian-American youth and how peer relationships may support healthy development in the face of discrimination. For more information, call x2500.

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news

faculty and students to speak at geological society

Wellesley faculty and students will present their research findings at the 42nd annual meeting of the Northeastern Section of the Geological Society of America, March 12-14 at the University of New Hampshire. About 700 geoscientists are expected to attend.

James Besancon, geosciences, will describe his research on “Blue Hills Igneous Complex: Modal Analysis by X-Ray Diffraction.”

“I study the Blue Hills south of Boston, the site of an ancient volcano and also the area of the famous Quincy granite quarries,” he said. “My research involves x-ray powder diffraction as an improved method for analyzing the quantities of minerals present, and tests of its efficacy as a method of differentiating various rock units.”

Rachel Erdil '07, who is majoring in environmental chemistry, will present “Deciphering the Geochemical History of Lake Waban, Wellesley, Massachusetts.” Her research, pro-

duced with Nolan Flynn, chemistry, and Daniel Brabander, geosciences, looks at how Lake Waban sediment appears to preserve a geochemical record of the Charles River watershed’s complex history.

MeiAi Khoo '08, a geosciences major, will present “Characterization of Toxic Metal Transport Processes Downstream of the Tar Creek Superfund Site.” Her co-researchers include Kathleen McCarthy '08 and Brabander. The project looks at mine waste at the Tar Creek Superfund Site in northeast Oklahoma, which is a major source of metal contamination to the area.



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Margaret Thompson, geosciences, will make two presentations, “The Geological Case for Avalon Off

North Africa at 595 MA” and “Paleomagnetic Overprinting as Evidence of Neocadian Tectonism in Northern Appalachian Peri-Gondwanan Terranes.”

wellesley student athletes earn honors

Madeline Harms '08 has been named to the Division III All-Academic cross country team. A cognitive science major, she has been a NEWMAC All-Academic selection for two straight years. She has also been one of the Blue's top five runners since her first year, earning NEWMAC All-Conference honors with an 11th place in 2005, when the Blue captured the conference title. In addition to Harms' award, Wellesley cross country earned Division III All-Academic Team honors, with an average GPA of 3.43. This award follows a season in which six Wellesley runners received NEWMAC All-Academic nods: seniors Elizabeth Eiseman, Megan Gross and Katie Hutchinson; juniors Madeline Harms and Kerry Shanley; and sophomore Jessica Weng. Eiseman and Gross have earned the honor three times; Shanley is also a repeat selection.

The fencing team has earned sixth place in a field of 13 teams at the New England Intercollegiate Fencing Championships. Épée fencer Sarah Abraham '07 was named the Northeast Fencing Conference Fencer-of-the-Year for the second time. She is a four-time NFC All-Conference selection and has captured the New England Championship title in épée three times. Wellesley has twice named her as the Most Outstanding Class-Athlete. In the Northeast Fencing Conference selections, foil fencers Elana Nashelsky '10 earned first-team and Sandra Tomlinson-Hansen '08 and Emily Johnson '10 second-team nods.

colleagues

in the news

charlene galarneau, women's studies, was a guest on Crossroads, a radio program about religion, politics and culture, on local station KHEN 106.9 FM in Colorado. The interview, conducted by local Methodist minister and Crossroads host Andy Dunning, focused on Galarneau's work in ethics and health policy. The taped conversation will be divided into two 30-minute segments, which will air in upcoming weeks.

heping liu, art, who is a fellow at the Newhouse Center, was among 35 international scholars invited to speak at a four-day conference, “Founding the Paradigms: The Art and Culture of the Northern Sung Dynasty (960-1126)” in the National Palace Museum, Taipei, Taiwan. The conference occurred in conjunction with three special exhibitions of Northern Sung painting and calligraphy, imperial ju ceramics and rare printed books as part of the museum's 80th anniversary celebration. Liu's presentation, “Kuo Chung-shu's Deaths,” offered a critical reading of 10th- and 11th-century biographic accounts of the scholar-official artist Kuo Chung-shu, identifying Kuo as the originator of the landscape of exile in Chinese art history. Liu also presented a paper, “Yu Controlling the Flood: Ecology, Emperors and 11th-Century Chinese Painting,” at the College Art Association's 95th annual conference in New York City. He will chair a panel on “Seeing through Asia in 17th- and 18th-Century Europe and Her Colonies” at the Association for Asian Studies' 59th annual meeting in Boston.

robert paarlberg, political science, will present a March 13 lecture at the University of Massachusetts Amherst titled “Why Environmentalists Should Like Genetically Engineered Agricultural Crops,” as part of UMass Amherst's Environmental Institutes Spring 2007 Lecture Series on food systems and the environment.

calendar

monday march 12

event. "Walking the Labyrinth." 10 am-8 pm, Houghton Chapel. Sponsor: Religious and Spiritual Life. Info: x2685.

meeting. Administrative Council. 11 am, Academic Council Room, 4th floor, GRH.

german table. 12:30-1:30 pm, Tower Court private dining hall. Info: x1239.

cws meeting. "Seniors, It's Never Too Late: How Wellesley Can Support You This Spring." 12:30 pm, Wang 104. Pizza included. Info: x2352.

info table. "International Partnership for Service Learning." 1:30-4 pm, Wang entrance level. Sponsor: International Study. Info: x3532.

lecture. "2=1, Or The Virtues of Lying and Guessing." Speaker: Sanjoy Mahajan, physics, University of Cambridge, England. 4:15-5:15 pm, SCI 296. (See story, at right.) Sponsor: Mathematics. Info: x3148.

middle eastern studies lecture. "Whose Cairo? Politics and Culture in the Globalized City." Speaker: Diane Singerman, government, American University. 4:30-6 pm, PNE Atrium. Info: x2481.

service. Halaqa Islamic Studies. 5 pm, Muslim prayer room, Houghton Chapel. Info: x2656.

meeting. College Government Senate. 6 pm, Academic Council Room, 4th floor, GRH.

esl tutoring. 6-8:15 pm. Sign up in PLTC small conference room. Info: x2480.

tuesday march 13

info table. "Study in the UK." Noon-2 pm, Wang entrance level. Sponsor: International Study. Info: x3532.

japanese table. 12:30 pm, Tower private dining hall. Info: x7685.

shop talk. "Dreamweaver." 12:30-1:30 pm, Library Lecture Room. For staff only. RSVP: www.wellesley.edu/NCH/Forms/invite.html.

meeting. "Meditation." 12:30-1 pm, meditation room, lower chapel. Sponsor: Buddhist Community. Info: x2793.

discussion group. "Spiritual Parenting." 1 pm, Wang 415. Sponsor: Religious Life. Info: x2685.

film. *Island of the Mapmaker's Wife*. 4:15 pm, Collins Cinema. Based on a short story by Marilyn Sides, English. Info: x2591.

lecture. "Environmental Problems and Cultural Understandings: Crafting Durable and Equitable Solutions to Complex Problems." Speaker: Gregory Hill, mathematics, University of Portland. 4:30-6 pm, PNE 239. Sponsor: Philosophy. Info: x2660.

mayer lecture in life sciences. Speaker: Aviv Regev, computational biologist, Broad Institute. 5 pm, SCI 277. Sponsor: Biological Sciences. Info: x3154.

asian awareness month event. Brian Gothong Tan art exhibit. Speakers: David Teng Olsen, media arts; Julie Chu, anthropology. 5:30 pm, Pendleton Atrium. (See story, page 4.) Sponsor: Multicultural Programs. Info: x2959.

wednesday march 14

spanish table. 12:30 pm, Tower Court private dining hall. Info: x3571.

chinese table. 12:30 pm, Bates private dining hall. Info: x7685.

russian table. 12:30 pm, FND 417. Info: x3549.

disability discussion. 12:30-1:30 pm, FND 305. Sponsor: Disability Services. Info: x2434.

lecture. "Nightmare's Fairy Tale: A Young Refugee's Home Fronts, 1938-1948." Speaker: Gerd Korman, American history emeritus, Cornell University. 4:15 pm, PNE Atrium. (See story, page 1.) Sponsor: Jewish Studies. Info: x2535.

gathering. Unitarian Universalist worship circle. 6 pm, Little Chapel. Info: x3484.

jazz band study hour. 7-9 pm, Punch's Alley. Info: MollysPubmail@wellesley.edu.

concert. Chamber Music Society. 7:30 pm, Jewett Auditorium. Sponsor: Music. Info: x2028.

thursday march 15

french table. 12:30 pm, Bates private dining hall. Info: x2415.

wcw lecture. "Growing Up Asian American: Teens and Peer Discrimination." Speaker: Jennifer Grossman, research fellow. 12:30-1:30 pm, Cheever House. (See story, page 1.) Info: x2500.

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save the date!

Due to spring break, March 16-26, the next issue of WellesleyWeek will be published for the week of March 26-April 2. Happy spring!

3/28/07: "New Frontiers of Human Rights," the annual Domna Stanton Lecture. Speaker: Carole Vance, Columbia University. 4-8:30 pm, Collins Cafe and Cinema. Includes panel discussion, reception and lecture. Sponsor: Women's Studies. Info: x2538.

lying by the numbers

"Is one definitely correct result preferable over 10 results each 90% correct?" asks physics professor Sanjoy Mahajan.

In a lecture, "2=1, Or The Virtues of Lying and Guessing," Mahajan will explain how pure mathematics usually chooses quality over quantity. The University of Cambridge, England, professor will argue the other side, using skillful lying techniques such as dimensions, fractional changes in extreme cases and pictorial proof to name a few. The event takes place Monday, March 12, at 4:15 pm in SCI 296. For more information, call x3148.

esl tutoring. (See 3/12 listing.)

meeting. Intersivity Christian Fellowship. 7-9 pm, Wang 413. Info: x4335.

friday march 16

spring vacation begins after classes.

service. Jummah. 12:30 pm, Muslim prayer room, Houghton Chapel. Info: x2656.

meeting. "Meditation." 5-5:30 pm. (See 3/13 listing.)

saturday march 17

sunday march 18

worship service. 10:30 am, Houghton Chapel. Sponsor: Protestant Chaplaincy. Info: x2685.

monday march 19

esl tutoring. (See 3/12 listing.)

don't miss ...

experts discuss multimedia art as part of asian awareness month

The multimedia works of Singaporean artist Brian Gothong Tan will be showcased Tuesday, March 13, at 5:30 pm in Pendleton Atrium. Tan is known as one of the most exciting and prolific multimedia artists to have emerged from Singapore in recent years. Trained in fine arts, multimedia and animation, he was awarded the Young Designers' Award for Multimedia in 1999 and 2000.

"Tan's work takes the medium of film and turns it upside down in a way that makes it more curious and challenges the viewer in that way," said David Teng Olsen, media arts. "He uses humor, for the most part, to explore his relationship to sexuality, gender and racial stereotypes." Olsen, along with Julie Chu, anthropology, will be on hand to introduce and discuss the social implications of Tan's work.

Courtney Chin '07, Asian Awareness Month co-coordinator, said she was first exposed to Tan's work while studying abroad in Australia. "I was so intrigued and fascinated by the imagery and themes in Mr. Tan's work that I did not hesitate to suggest bringing his work to Wellesley," Chin said. "It bursts open several topics still considered taboo in Asia, and I thought that was exactly what we wanted to do this year for Asian Awareness Month." For more information, call x2959.

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